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The reply brief filed 01/23/03 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

As indicated in the Examiner's Answer, paper No. 11, Murphy et al. discloses all the claims limitations in the embodiments disclosed, i.e., embodiment in which a separate slurry supply line, additive supply line, and water supply line, Fig. 4, each supplying a mist (as modified by Chamberlin et al.) into a container prior to being dispensed into the pad as disclosed by Murphy et al., col. 5, lines 51-61. In other words, Murphy et al. discloses supplying separate lines of slurry, additives, and water into a container prior to supplying the mix into the pad. Chamberlin et al. teaches supplying the fluids in form of mist, thus Murphy et al. modified by Chamberlin et al., to reduce costs, i.e., supplying the fluids into the container in the form of mist and then supplying the mix into the pad meets all the limitations.

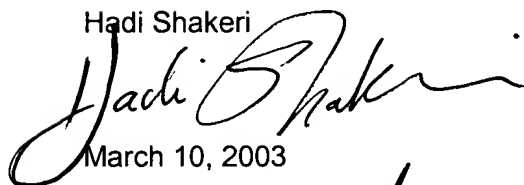
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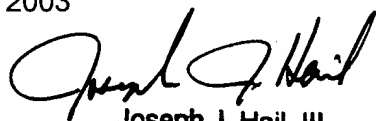
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